

# OPEN TO ALL



## MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

The Worship of God

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

February 12, 2023 | 10:00a

Inspired by the bold and boundless hospitality of Jesus, we are “open to all,” which means we welcome and accept all people into the life of our Church without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic status, political affiliation, physical or mental capacity, or religious belief. We believe that God’s call is given to all people, and we embrace the Spirit that continues to cross boundaries in order to unite the world.

Masks are encouraged but not required for anyone. We encourage you to make the best decision for yourself and your family.

Childcare is available for children ages birth – kindergarten. Please see a greeter for more information. Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.

### Prelude

“Adoration”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist  
Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

### Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

### \*Opening Hymn

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

See pages 8 and 9.  
LIFT EVERY VOICE

### Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Tara Gibbs

If you are our guest today, please text “guest” to 980.340.8900 so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.

### \*Passing of the Peace

### Hebrew Scripture Reading – Joshua 4:1-7 (GNT)

Alicia Green

When the whole nation had crossed the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, “Choose twelve men, one from each tribe, and command them to take twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests were standing. Tell them to carry these stones with them and to put them down where you camp tonight.”

Then Joshua called the twelve men he had chosen, and he told them, “Go into the Jordan ahead of the Covenant Box of the Lord your God. Each one of you take a stone on your shoulder, one for each of the tribes of Israel. These stones will remind the people of what the Lord has done. In the future, when your children ask what these stones mean to you, you will tell them that the water of the Jordan stopped flowing when the Lord’s Covenant Box crossed the river. These stones will always remind the people of Israel of what happened here.”

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**As the hymn begins, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to leave for Children’s Worship. They will exit at the front of the Sanctuary by the piano with Children’s Worship leaders. Parents can pick up children from room 209 in the education building between 11 -11:15. Guests are welcome! Please scan the QR code below to register if this is your first visit.**



### \*Sermon Hymn

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

See page 10.  
NETTLETON

## Sermon

“Don’t Forget the Stones”

Rev. Daniel Cobbins

## Invitation to Silent Reflection/Confession

Rev. Tara Gibbs

## Church at Prayer

### The Lord’s Prayer

**Our God who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

*There are several ways to give:  
scan the QR code below, go to [pushpay.com/g/myersparkbaptist](https://pushpay.com/g/myersparkbaptist),  
or drop your offering in the plate.*



## Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir

“If I Can Help Somebody”

*Alma Bazel Androzzo (1912-2001), arr. Kay Pace*

If I can help somebody as I pass along,  
If I can cheer somebody with a word or song,  
If I can show somebody who is traveling wrong,  
Then my living shall not be in vain.

*Chorus:*

Then my living shall not be in vain,  
Then my living shall not be in vain,  
If I can help somebody as I pass along,  
Then my living shall not be in vain.

If I can point somebody to the Lamb once slain,  
If I can tell somebody that he rose again,  
That he can cleanse the guilty, he can wash the stain,  
Then my living shall not be in vain

If I can do my duty as a Christian ought,  
If I can bring back beauty to a world up wrought,  
If I can spread love's message that the Master taught,  
Then my living shall not be in vain

McKenzie Coleman, soprano

The anthem "If I Can Help Somebody" by Alma B. Androzzo was a favorite text Dr. Martin Luther King would often quote during his sermons/speeches. The Late Mary Harris Gurley (June 15, 1928 - September 8, 2022), a beloved former Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church Choir member, was known for performing this song. Dr. King often requested Mother Gurley to sing this song before and after his sermons. Mother Gurley performed the song all over the Atlanta region for various community events and worship services. We dedicate today's performance of this anthem to her memory. This arrangement is by Dr. Kay Pace, a retired public school music educator who currently resides in Atlanta.

**\*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures, here below. Alleluia. Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

**\*Closing Hymn**

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” stanzas 1 – 3

See page 11.  
THE SOLID ROCK

**Benediction**

Rev. Daniel Cobbins

**Postlude**

“Festal March”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist  
Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

*If you are our guest today, please connect with a minister after worship and receive a Welcome bag.*

*Childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten will be provided until noon.*

*Spiritual Growth Classes are meeting today at 11:15a.  
Class offerings can be found here:*



Leading worship today with Rev. Daniel Cobbins,  
are Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister,  
Rev. Tara Gibbs, Associate Minister of Spiritual Formation,  
and Alicia Green.

Leading worship through music are  
Dr. Tony McNeill, Interim Minister of Music,  
Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist,  
and The Chancel Choir.



Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,  
Hannah Combs and volunteers.




We give thanks to God for the work and ministry of Rev. Dr. W. Benjamin Boswell,  
Senior Minister, who joined our staff on February 1, 2016.



We give thanks to God for the work and ministry of Rainey Underwood,  
Events Coordinator, who joined our staff on February 13, 1984.



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### **HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**

Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple as filling out a Joining Card.  
To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Carrie Veal at [cveal@myersparkbaptist.org](mailto:cveal@myersparkbaptist.org).

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GLAD YOU  
ARE HERE**

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# Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had  
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening  
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

TEXT: James Weldon Johnson, 1900  
 MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1905

LIFT EVERY VOICE  
 Irregular



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Ps. 68:19*

1. Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2. Here I raise my \*Eb-en-e-zer, hith-er by thy help I've come;  
3. O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.  
Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise his name—I'm fixed up-on it—name of God's re-deem-ing love.  
he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, bought me with his pre-cious love.  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

\* 1 Samuel 7:12

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional American melody; John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part Second, 1813

NETTLETON

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Stanzas 1 - 3

# My Hope Is Built

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his love sup -  
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' love and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and  
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my  
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834  
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

THE SOLID ROCK  
 LM with Refrain

## Our Covenant

We, the members of the Myers Park Baptist Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God's grace we are experiencing love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful. We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.

We will be open to all new light, strengthened by God and each other in our faith. We will sustain a critical examination of Scripture, belief and ritual as interpreters of God's active presence in the world. We will accept controversy as a reality of life together and an opportunity for growth toward maturity. We covenant to be a community of God's New Creation and affirm that we are open to all and closed to none.

We covenant together to nurture this church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in the world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

We covenant together to be priests celebrating God's presence in community and in the world, believing we are participants in God's kingdom on Earth.

### OUR MINISTERS

**Rev. Dr. Benjamin Boswell**

Senior Minister

**Rev. Carrie Veal**

Executive Minister

**Rev. Tara Gibbs**

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

**Rev. Dr. JJ Flag**

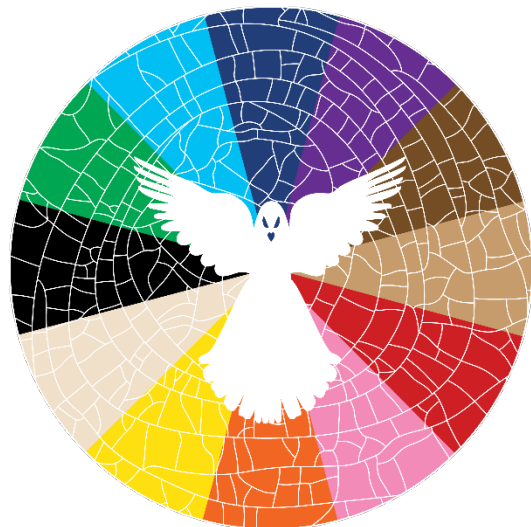
Associate Minister of Pastoral Care & Justice

**Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan**

Campus Administrator

**Dr. Tony McNeill**

Interim Minister of Music & Worship



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